

DISPATCH		CLASSIFICATION S-E-C-R-E-T	DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NO. RAVW 12936
TO INFO	Chief of Station, Vienna Chief of Station, Germany Chief of Base, Frankfurt Chief of Base, Munich		HEADQUARTERS FILE NO. ()
FROM	Chief, EE		DATE 24 APR 1959
SUBJECT	MEMO/TRANSFEE/OPERATIONAL OSWACE - Anatole THANOV Proposed Activities		RE: "43-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED
ACTION REQUIRED	See paragraph 4		INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ DESK ONLY
REFERENCES			
<p>1. Attached hereto is a copy of a letter OSWACE sent to () indicating OSWACE's intention to engage in clandestine intelligence collection behind the Iron Curtain and in Western Europe (as he had before his emigration to Canada) using Canada as his base of operations. OSWACE specifically intends to establish contact with one Anatole THANOV whose place of residence is Vienna. Since THANOV is known to the Vienna Station as an intelligence personality who has been employed by various intelligence services (see HQW 26541, dated 23 November 1955) we feel that this information will be of interest to you.</p> <p>2. For your information OSWACE was terminated by Project TRANSFEE effective 31 March 1959. This notice of termination and his recognized leadership of the HWF being effectively challenged by dissident members are the recent events which OSWACE refers to in the attached letter. We feel that OSWACE realizes that he is rapidly nearing the "end of the road" as the undisputed leader of the HWF and, as such, has outlived his operational usefulness to HQW. As a feeble attempt to restore this lost prestige he undoubtedly will throw caution and security to the wind in re-establishing dormant and dubious contacts for his "personal intelligence service". To preclude any possible embarrassment to HQW/TRANSFEE, and in the interest of Canadian Security, we have made this and additional information available to HQ/6 who in turn will alert the Canadian Government of OSWACE's proposed intelligence activities. Our chief interest in this matter is to make certain that OSWACE's activities will be controlled by the Canadians. At ()'s forthcoming and final meeting with OSWACE a firm approach will be taken to discourage OSWACE from engaging in any independent intelligence activities for his personal benefit.</p> <p>3. Without undertaking any special and time consuming effort on your part, we would be interested in receiving a report on Anatole THANOV's activity in the past two or three years as reflected in Station and liaison files. We would also appreciate receiving any pertinent information pertaining to the proposed OSWACE-THANOV activities which may be brought to your attention and we have no objection to your alerting () on the possibility of such activity.</p>			
<p>Attachment: Letter Copy of HQW 26541 23 April 1959</p> <p>Distribution: Orig. & 1 - Vienna w/att. 2 - Germany w/att. 2 - Frankfurt w/att. 2 - Munich w/att. 1 - RI/DLP 1 - EE/B/PM w/att. 1 - EE/B</p>			
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ATTACHMENT TO

27 March 1959

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I believe that the subject matter below will interest you.

What happens in our circles is most certainly known to the Communists. Possibly they believe I have been hurt (by recent events) and because of this I may be inclined to make compromises. In this connection it may be significant that today I received unexpectedly a letter from my "old friend", Anatole Tsanov, from Vienna. The letter was mailed in Salzburg on 19 March. The sender ~~has~~ indicated on the letterhead some kind of a commercial firm at the address of Tsankov in Vienna. Tsanov offers me joint commercial activity??? Import Export, with good possibilities for profit.

All these questions are extremely interesting to me and I am of the opinion that I should resume my contact with Tsanov, particularly since he is approaching me, and since the results may be very interesting. Even though we are no longer working together I have not and will not cease my activity. Thus establishing a connection with Tsanov may be of value to my future work.

I ask you to inform me by the sixth of April whether or not you have any requirements in connection with a contact with Tsanov and whether or not you are interested in this problem. I am willing, regardless of the fact we are not working together, to help you out if this subject is of interest, without obligation on your part. If I don't hear from you by 6 April I will assume you are not interested and will act as I see fit with regard to the activity which I intend to continue.

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